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6. Optional mouse, keyboard and other peripherals, ports, and other peripherals such as CD and speakers. You name it.

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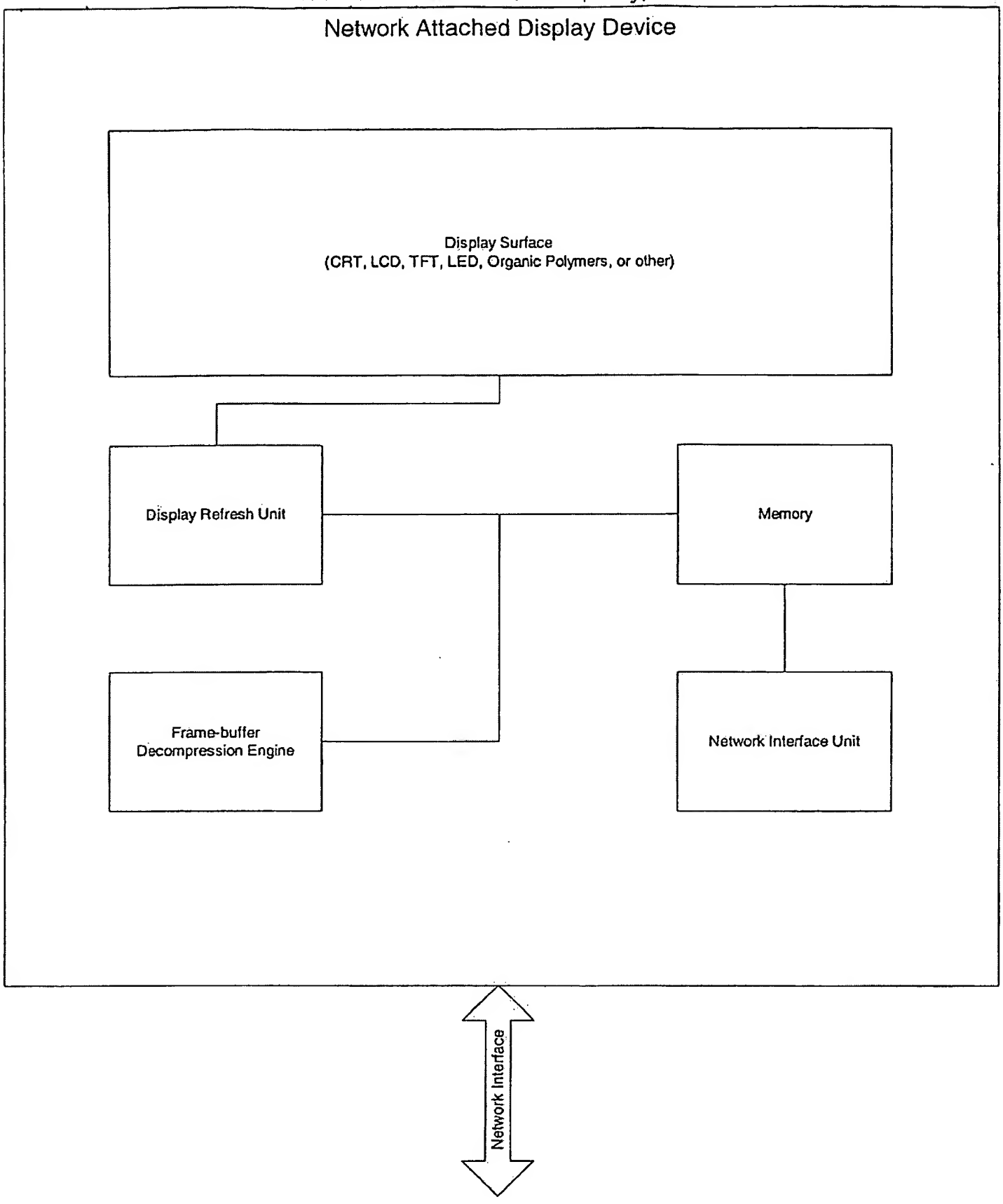

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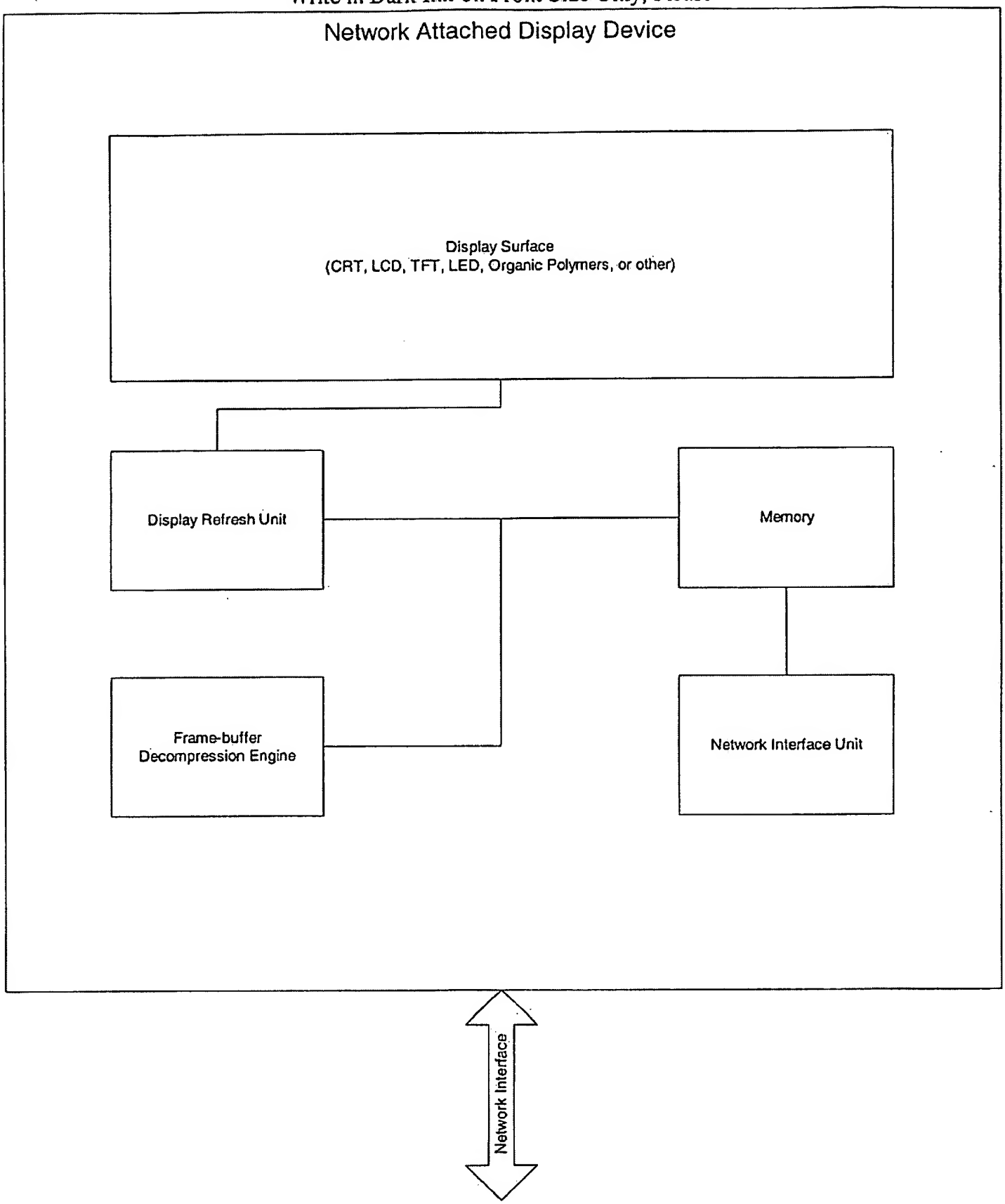

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